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METHODS FOR INCREASE IN GROUNDNUT PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the innovative methods and latest technologies adopted under Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize to increase the productivity of groundnut in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the total production of groundnut recorded in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for huge fluctuation in the production of groundnut in the country; and

(d) the Minimum Support Price given to groundnut growers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The improved production and protection technologies including polythene mulch technology are being popularized amongst farmers through block demonstrations, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations and Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs) under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize(ISOPOM) to increase the productivity of groundnut in the country including Andhra Pradesh.

(b): The details of state-wise and total production of groundnut in the country during last three years are given at Annexure.

(c): The huge fluctuations in the production of groundnut in the country can be attributed to aberrant weather conditions as this crop is mostly cultivated under rainfed conditions and also diversion of groundnut area to Bt Cotton, sunflower and maize in major groundnut producing states like Gujarat, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(d): The Government of India has fixed Minimum Support Price(MSP) for groundnut(in shell) at Rs.1550 per qtl. for the year 2007-08.